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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF
TELEMONITORING SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Department" means the Department of Social Services.

4 (2) "Evidence-based best practices" means the integration of the best
5 available research with clinical expertise in the context of patient
6 characteristics and preferences.

7 (3) "Home health care agency" has the same meaning as provided in
8 section 19a-490 of the general statutes.

9 (4) "Home telemonitoring service" means a health service included
10 in an integrated plan of care written by a treating physician that
11 requires (A) scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient's
12 health, including, but not limited to, monitoring of the patient's blood
13 pressure, heart rate, weight and oxygen level, (B) interpretation of

14 transmitted data by a home health care agency licensed pursuant to
15 chapter 368v of the general statutes, (C) dissemination of such data by
16 such home health care agency to a treating physician, and (D) follow-
17 up by a health care professional in the home or referrals for care as
18 determined medically necessary by a treating physician.

19 (b) To the extent permissible under federal law, the department
20 shall provide Medicaid coverage for services performed by a home
21 health care agency using a home telemonitoring service for a Medicaid
22 beneficiary with (1) serious or chronic medical conditions that may
23 result in frequent or recurrent hospitalizations and emergency room
24 admissions, (2) a documented history of poor adherence to ordered
25 medication regimes, (3) a documented history of falls in the six-month
26 period prior to evaluation of the need for home telemonitoring
27 services, (4) limited or absent informal support systems, (5) a
28 documented history of challenges with access to care, or (6) a history of
29 living alone or being home alone for extended periods of time. The
30 department shall establish coverage criteria for home telemonitoring
31 services based on evidence-based best practices.

32 (c) The department shall ensure that clinical information gathered
33 by a home health care agency while providing home telemonitoring
34 services is shared with the patient's treating physician and may impose
35 other reasonable requirements on the use of home telemonitoring
36 services. The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations,
37 in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
38 provisions of this section.

39 (d) Pursuant to section 17b-8 of the general statutes, the
40 Commissioner of Social Services may seek a waiver from federal
41 Medicaid requirements or an amendment to the Medicaid state plan if
42 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

43 (e) The transmission, storage and dissemination of data and records
44 related to home telemonitoring services shall be in accordance with

45 federal and state laws and regulations concerning the privacy, security,
46 confidentiality and safeguarding of individually identifiable
47 information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services provided by home health care agencies for certain patients.